

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### Little Brown Hands.

They drive home the cows from the pasture,

Up through the long, shady lane,  
Where the quail whistles loud in the wheatfields

That are yellow with ripening grain.

They find in the thick waving grasses,

Where the scarlet-lipped strawberry grows;

They gather the earliest snowdrops  
And the first crimson buds of the rose.

They toss the new hay in the meadow,  
They gather the elder bloom white;

They find where the dusky grapes  
purple

In the soft-tinted October light.

They know where the apples hang  
ripest

And are sweeter than Italy's wines:  
They know where the fruit hangs  
the thickest

On the long thorny blackberry  
vines.

They gather the delicate seaweeds  
And build tiny castles of sand;

They pick up the beautiful sea-  
shells—

Fairy barks that have drifted to  
land.

They wave from the tall, rocking  
tree-tops,

Where the oriole's hammock nest  
swings,

And at night time are folded in  
slumber

By a song that a fond mother  
sings.

Those who toil bravely are strong-  
est,

The humble and poor become great,  
And so from these brown-handed  
children

Shall grow mighty rulers of state.  
The pen of the author and states-  
man,

The noble and wise of the land,  
The sword and the chisel and palette

Shall be held in the little brown  
hand.

—M. H. Krout.

### Benny's Composition on the Hen.

The hen is the female sex of the rooster. She is very useful when you want eggs, which are sometimes forty cents a dozen and are unwholesome if eaten copiously when they are hard boiled.

The hen frequents barns and other agricultural places, and is always hungry except when she is setting, at which time she becomes much irritated and will inflict severe injuries upon you if you attempt to caress her.

Once my Uncle Burtram had a hen that set for five weeks on a walnut, two boot heels and a glass stopper. She did not hatch anything. From this we learn that we should have some great object in life and stick to it.

Let us be punctual in our attendance at school and mind our teacher. Some hens have feathers all the way down their legs.

To tell when a hen is done, you cook five or six hours and then stick a fork into her chest, but I prefer a nice piece of custard pie.

### Take Your Choice.

A writer in Lippincott's tells of a young teacher who had taken special pains to implant a knowledge of

United States history, who could but feel that much good seed sown had fallen on stony ground when at the final examination the question, "What character do you like best, and why?" brought forth the following astonishing replies:

"Andrew Jackson, because he whipped the British with an old hickory."

"Grant, who was elected President twice and around the world once."

"I like Monroe for doctrin' the people and Jackson standing on a stone wall, and fell dead."

"Lincoln, who was shot and killed standing in a booth, and died saying, 'Jefferson survives, I am contented.'"

"De Soto; who waded in the Mississippi up to his elbows and there found his grave."

"Old General Putman, who left his ox and his ass in the field and went and beat the British."

"The redoubtful John Paul Jones, because he said, 'We'll beat them British or bust,' and then did it."

"A touch of kindness in this busy rush,

A proffered hand to help us fight the crush,

A cheerful word that soothes a heavy heart—

Have you of these small things assumed your part?"

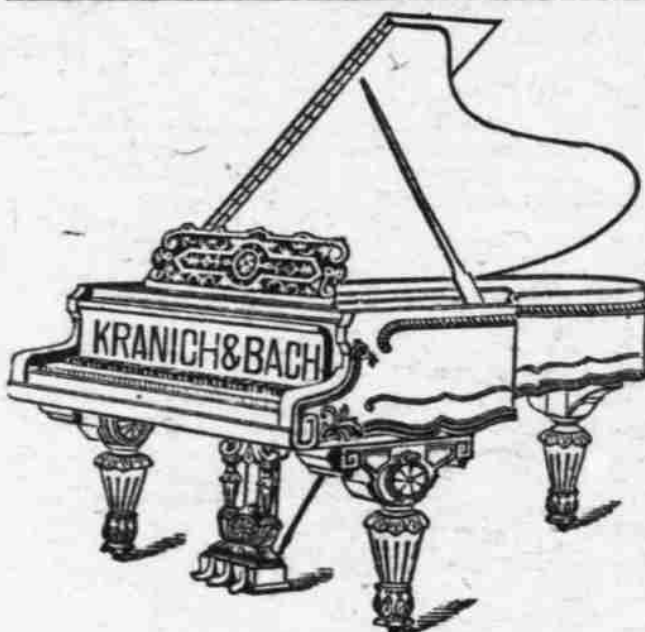
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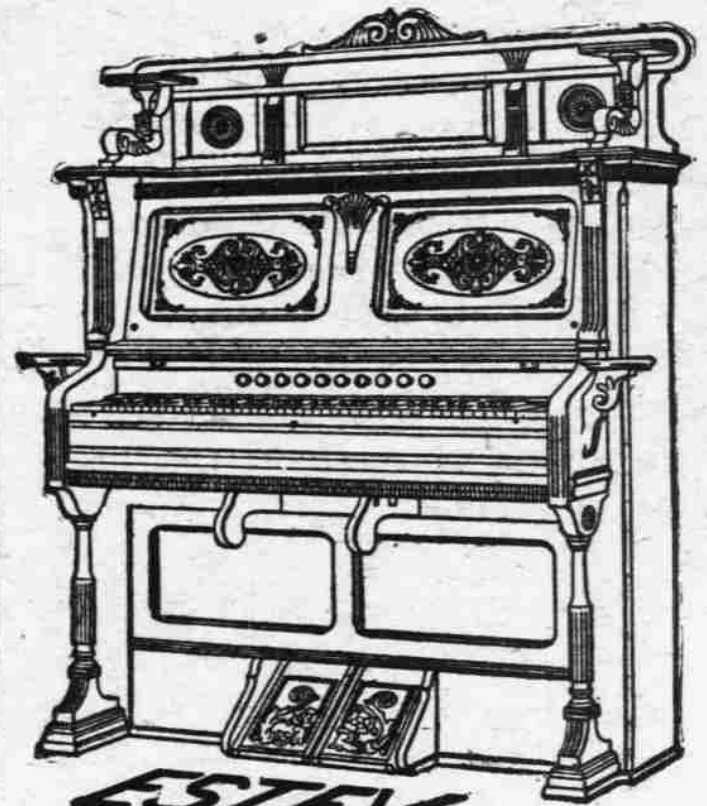
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